

TEXT OF CLUB CABLE TO PREMIER CERNIK

The Overseas Press Club of America, the world's largest professional organization of foreign correspondents, protests the action of the Czechoslovak News Agency in removing Dr. Karel Kral from his post as UN correspondent because of personal views expressed by him as guest of this Club at a panel discussion on Eastern Europe Sept. 6.

Such Club panels traditionally enable our colleagues from all parts of the world to exchange ideas. Dr. Kral made it publicly clear that he was speaking for himself and not for his agency or his government.

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ZORTHIAN, TOP US AIDE IN SAIGON, HERE THURS.

Barry Zorthian, known to every correspondent who has covered Viet Nam during recent years, will add his authoritative voice to the oft-discussed subject, "Press Coverage of the Viet Nam war" at an OPC luncheon next Thursday, Sept. 19, at 12:30 p.m.



Zorthian was Chief Press Officer at the UN

Mission in Saigon for four-and-a-half hectic and history-making years, ending in July.

He promises a no-holds-barred question-and-answer period, which is likely to draw queries on the long and often bitterly argued subject of Viet Nam coverage. Luncheon proceedings will be definitely "on the record."

As spokesman for the US Mission —
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OPC HITS PRAGUE RECALL OF CZECH NEWSMAN FOR SPEECH BEFORE CLUB

By JOSEPH HARROW

Prague's crackdown on its UN correspondent, Karel Kral, because of his remarks before an OPC panel, was blasted last week in a strongly-worded cable from President Hal Lehrman to Czechoslovak Premier Oldrich Cernik. (See text this page).

Action followed Lehrman's consultation with Executive Committeemen after disclosure by the Czechoslovak News Agency (CTK) that Dr. Kral had been removed from his post and called home. The government-controlled agency charged Kral's remarks were "unauthor-

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Communist Reporters View Aftermath

By ED EDWIN

The agonies of Marxist states and the related international labor movement since the Soviet occupation of Czechoslovakia were expressed by three Communist newsmen at an Edward R. Murrow World Affairs Forum last week. Their common concern was embodied in the question asked by Sasha Zulepugin,

TV editor from Zagreb, Yugoslavia:

More Mistake?

"If somebody has made a mistake — such as this big mistake — who knows but what they will make more?"

Others on the program were Karel Kral, UN Correspondent for the Czechoslovak News Agency (CTK), and Eric Frankl, Director of the Yugoslav Information Center in New York City. OPC President Hal Lehrman presided, and alternate Governor Joe Peters was also at the dais.

Also expected until lunch hour had been the Press Officer to the UN Rumanian Mission, Virgil Ionescu, whom
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EAST-WEST: Karel Kral, Czechoslovak news agency man in New York, greets an OPCer following his talk at the Club. Kral was asked to return to Prague by his superiors after making the appearance.

'Truth Must Win' for US Correspondents in Prague

By ANDREW BOROWIEC

PRAGUE — The situation in Prague is hardly a subject for a humorous story, even for *the Overseas Press Bulletin*.

But after giving it some thought, "this correspondent" has come to the conclusion that the Czech slogan "the truth must win" should also be applied to this respected organ.

Seldom has there been a group of men more suspicious of one another, more agitated, more unwashed and more

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New Members Get Spotlight at Club Reception

OPC's fall programs were launched Sept. 5 with an official welcome to new members by President *Hal Lehrman*, who also reported on his recent two-month swing around Europe.

The cocktail-dinner party, "produced" by Program Council Vice Chairman Lawrence G. Blochman, included brief speeches from the dais by spokesmen for the new members in both the Active and Associate categories.

Friends at OPC

Jack Raymond, former foreign correspondent for *The New York Times*, an Associate member due to his present public relations status, dwelt on the transition from working press to "PR." He said that, despite his first expectations to the contrary, the move had assured him a more comfortable status, both work and salary-wise, and indeed was a pleasant switch. He expressed appreciation for his membership in OPC "where I have many, old friends."

Referring to Raymond's "associate" membership, Lehrman noted that while eyebrows might be raised over the Admission Committee's choice of this classification for such a distinguished ex-correspondent, the OPC constitution required that classification be determined by the nature of a new member's

professional activity at time of his application.

The president said he would press for, as he put it, "a Jack Raymond amendment" which would take into account long-time foreign service as constituting eligibility for "Active" membership regardless of the situation at time of application.

Chicago Experiences

Speaking as a new "Active" Member, photo-journalist *Charles Harbutt* (Magnum) reported on his experiences covering the Chicago disturbances during the Democratic convention. He discussed the roughing-up of press and demonstrators by the city police which he had eye-witnessed.

Seated on the dais were OPC Governors Blochman and *Madeline D. Ross*; Raymond; Harbutt.

Lehrman, in his European report, emphasized how all new centers in the various capitals had given him a cordial welcome and shown a strong interest in membership recruitment, development of overseas chapters and exchange of privileges with foreign press clubs.

Many Potential Members

He reported specific progress in talks with representatives of press clubs in Berlin, Vienna and Athens, where first positive interchanges

might take place.

"The woods are filled with eligible non-OPCers," Lehrman declared, "many of whom would be glad to join if somebody asked them. Many others would" (See page 8)

RECEPTIONS FOR MOWRER, LEACACOS

OPC author *Edgar Ansel Mowrer*, sharing the spotlight with his colleague *John Leacacos*, another recently published author, will be toasted with receptions by OPC groups in both New York and Washington this month.

The Washington reception is next Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the American Newspaper Women's Clubhouse, 1607 22nd Street, N.W. Being celebrated is Mowrer's *Triumph and Turmoil* and Leacacos' *Fires in the In-Basket*, both being currently published. Reservations to the Washington event, at \$3.25, should be made with *Julia Edwards*, 2440 Virginia Ave., N.W. (Tel. 659-5194). Checks should be made payable to OPC-Washington.

Mowrer's New York date is from 6 to 8 p.m. Thurs., Sept. 26, when his New York OPC friends fete him and his new book, subtitled, "A Personal History of Our Time," at a Clubhouse reception.

THREE NEWSMEN

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Lehrman described as "already a casualty" of the program.

Emphasizing that he was expressing "my own personal views," Kral compared the 1968 invasion with "a similar tragedy" in 1938, and underscored that this time the foreign power involved had been one "we called for many years our best friend." He characterized the present situation as an "intermission" after the "first act" of a tragedy, which will be followed by other acts.

"At this moment," the Czechoslovakian UN correspondent said, "I am more pessimistic than optimistic. We wanted to get rid of the administrative and police system imposed on Czechoslovakia after 1948. But this small amount of freedom was too much for our best friends and allies."

The Communist Party, he stated, "had behind it the overwhelming majority of the people. Really free elections would have elected Dubcek. The goals have been destroyed by this single blow from our allies and friends." Moreover, he foresaw the splits of in-

ternational Communism continuing, despite this Soviet move.

The damaging impact within the international labor movement was emphasized by Frankl of Yugoslavia. The movement was "deceived," he said, declaring that the "gap between the policy of the Soviet state and international workers movement is the widest since 1948 and 1939."

Frankl was the only speaker to make such reference to the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact, and Soviet invasions of Poland and Finland.

No Benefits

But damage, he felt, had been inflicted universally. "The great powers other than the USSR, including the United States, have not benefitted." The evolving and improving relationships between Moscow and Washington, he said, would be affected, with a probable increase in the American hard line and less chance of peace in Viet Nam.

Yugoslavia similarly would not benefit. In answer to a question, he said, "My people are worried but are not in panic. It is nothing new to struggle for our freedom and independence."

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Czechoslovakia proving to Yugoslavs that "we were right in 1948," which was the year that Tito proclaimed Yugoslav Communist autonomy.

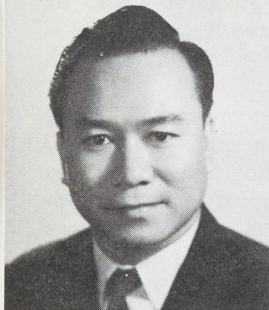
"We are united in socialism," the Yugoslav publicist said, "but without influence from the outside." He focussed on what he described as the "humanistic basis of socialism," and which, he said, engenders support of the population for his government and party.

The Czechoslovakian newsman was asked to appraise his future. He would file the same kind of reports as before, Kral said, while admitting he could not predict what would happen.

NEW YORK SCENE

Viet Nam — A Vietnamese View

Tues., Sept. 17 — Luncheon, with Huynh Van Cao, Chairman of Information and Foreign Relations Committee of the Vietnamese Senate. Cocktails 12 p.m., luncheon 12:30.



Huynh Van Cao

This high-ranking member of his country's lawmaking body leads off the first of two programs on Viet Nam this week, with his assessment of "The Lessons in World Politics and the Viet Nam Experience."

The speaker is a retired Major General of the Viet Nam Armed Forces, and has been involved in both the military and political aspects of the war. The much-decorated leader also is author of four books relating to military-political matters.

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Thurs., Sept. 19 — Luncheon, with the former US Mission spokesman in Saigon, Barry Zorthian. Cocktails 12 p.m., luncheon, 12:30. (See page 1 story.)

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Toast for the Met's Alice Darlington

Wed. Sept. 25 — Music Night Reception for Alice Darlington, new director of the Met Opera Guild. 5:30 p.m.



Alice Darlington

This first event of the OPC music series this year will be a reception honoring the Metropolitan Opera on its 1968-69 season opening and Alice Benning Darlington, newly-appointed director of the Met Opera Guild.

Among the distinguished guests expected are General Manager Rudolf Bing and his executive staff, former Amb. Charles Darlington, husband of the honoree, and many of the stars who will be appearing in opening week performances at the Met.

Mrs. Darlington and her husband, who served as first US Ambassador to the new Republic of Gabon, co-authored a book about their experiences there, *African Betrayal*. She is former president of the Westchester County Board of Education and coordinator of consultants for Project Headstart. Mrs. Darlington has been a member of the Metropolitan Opera Guild Board since 1954. In 1960 she acted as liaison between the newly-created Met Opera Studio and the schools.

A musical interlude will be presented at the reception, featuring singers of the Met Opera Studio — Gail Robinson, Margery Ryan, Vicki Powers, Leo Goeke, Robert Peterson and Arthur Thompson. The performance is being arranged by John Gutman, director of the Studio and Met Assistant Manager. Jack Frummer will preside at the event.

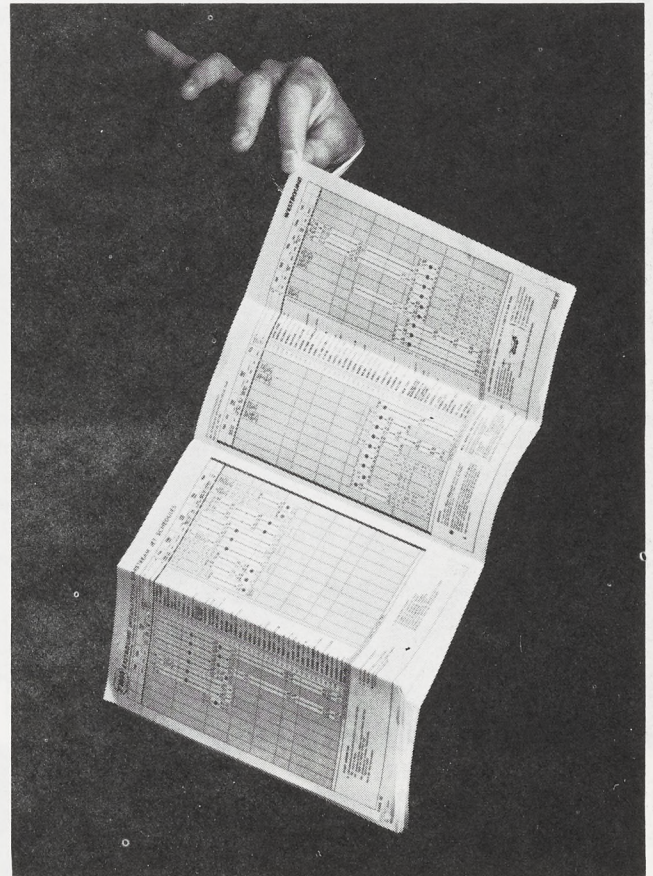
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Thurs., Sept. 26 — Reception honoring Edgar Ansel Mowrer on publication of his book, "Triumph and Turmoil," 6 to 8 p.m. (See page 2 story.)

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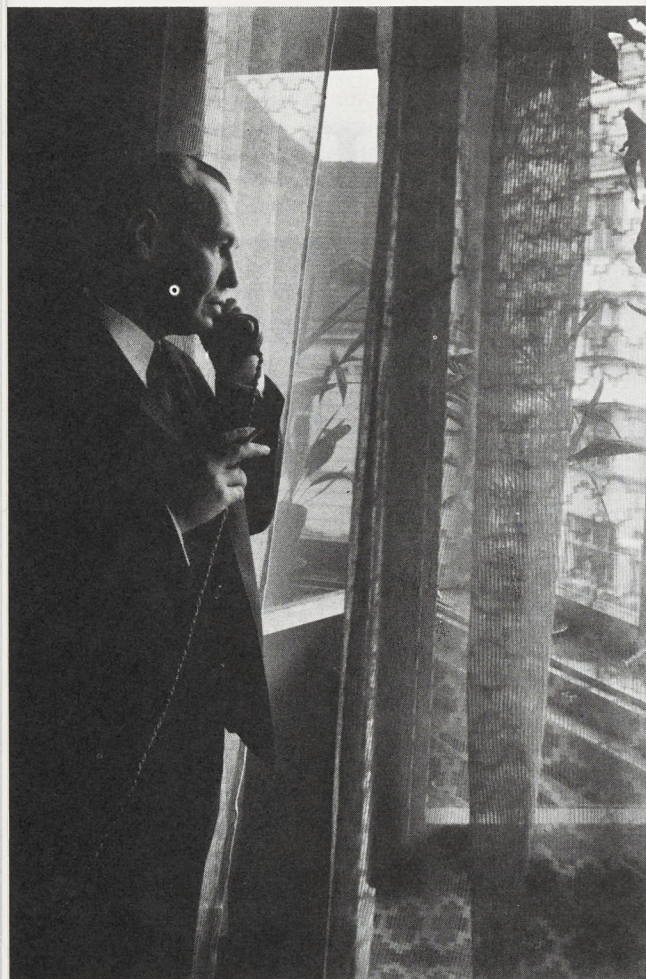
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EYEWITNESS: CZECHOSLOVAKIA

1938 - AUGUST, 1968



EDUARD GOLDSTUECKER, founder of Literarni Listy magazine which spearheaded fight for intellectual freedom, is pictured in pensive mood in his office. He also heads the Czech Writers Union.



"DUBCEK, DON'T GIVE IN," says the sign on a baby carriage, cradling doll-like child left in front of shop window full of real dolls.

The photojournalism and art world have collaborated for a new exhibit, "Eyewitness: Czechoslovakia, 1938 - August 1968" at New York's Riverside Museum and the results have been twofold - an exhibit of journalistic immediacy, and a new medium through which photojournalists may convey their work.

As Riverside Director Oriole Farb put it, "Instant museumology has arrived." The show was put together in ten days by Cornell Capa, Director of the Fund for Concerned Photography (which is cooperating with Riverside in the effort) and head of OPC's Photographic Committee. "Mr. Capa keeps his doors as well as his ears and eyes open for events and the photographers who record them. Our museum keeps its doors just as wide open and has a Board of Advisers with quick reflexes."

Four photographers are featured in the current show, running from Sept. 15 to Nov. 3: Jan Lukas, Czechoslovak native now living in New York; Sonja Bullaty and Angelo Lomeo, husband-and-wife team (she is a native of Prague, now in New York); and Hilmar Pabel, staff photographer of *Stern*, the German magazine. (Most of the photographs on these pages are being published for the first time.)

The museum and the Fund plan to continue this series of eyewitness exhibitions based on timely events. Notes Capa, "The instant recognition of moments and events of historic significance, their eyewitness depiction with knowledge and visual brilliance was previously in the exclusive domain of the weekly picture magazines. Television has added another dimension to the field. Now, the museum adds its own, on a timetable comparable to the other media."

The importance of the photographer of history is pointed up in a passage from the foreword by Lukas' in his *Picture Diary*: "A totalitarian regime is afraid of the camera as much as of the gun. So the photographer has to be afraid of the regime."



"ETO VAS DIELO (This is your doing)" shout young Czechs carrying blood-splattered flag in Old Town Square in Prague. Blood is that of 13-year-old boy killed during demonstrations against the occupation.

Photographs on this page by Sonja Bullaty and Angelo Lomeo, from the Nancy Palmer Agency.



PROLOGUE: Another occupier, another time is recalled by August event. Scene here is a Nazi propaganda truck, in front of statue of traditional Czech hero Jan Hus. Time was March, 1939.

"A totalitarian regime is afraid of the camera as much as of the gun. So the photographer has to be afraid of the regime."



OUTRAGE: Patriotic Czech woman vents her emotions at occupation forces. She holds photograph of Czech leaders Swoboda and Dubcek.



REMEMBRANCE: — vignette photographed during funeral of ex-President Eduard Benes, six months after Communist take-over, in Prague. September, 1948.

Photographs left by Jan Lukas, from Black Star Publishing Co. Above, by Hilmar Pabel, courtesy Stern.

'Truth Will Win' (From page 1)

in need of a haircut than the intrepid Western press corps which made life intolerable to the personnel of Prague's three major hotels after the Soviet invasion.

Minority

There were, of course, distinguished senior men representing respected newspapers, men who got their shave and haircut regularly, men who would never, never dream of using the services offered by the young ladies prowling the hotel lobbies (I don't mean lady interpreters).

Those stalwart men, however, seemed to have been crushed by the majority, rushing around between the telex and telephone booth, glass of beer in hand, cigarette glued to the lip, flashing the latest message from the home office: "Hats off your brilliant performance. Need more color. Can use pic pretty Czech girl shaking fist at Soviet tanks."

The lobby of the Alcron Hotel was an unbelievable spectacle of excited newsmen, couriers (or so they said) of the Czech Underground, money changers, little girls, intelligence agents and ascetic looking young men with bushy beards. Once the Italian ambassador stumbled into the crowd. He looked like a senior Mafioso. Seen in a Hollywood film, such a spectacle would surely be considered vastly overdone.

On the whole, these were fearless men who pierced the Czech borders in search of THE TRUTH.

His Tale

One *France Soir* man would tell his story to anybody who would listen:

"Friday afternoon I was at the beach at St. Tropez. Soleil, gonzesses, tu vois. At 7 p.m. Lazareff (editor) calls me. I am the only man, he says, who can cross the Czech frontier. At dawn I take a plane for Paris. At noon I am in Lazareff's office. At 2 p.m. at Orly airport. At 7 p.m. in Vienna. Sunday noon, in Prague. Voila."

Others were not as successful. Many newsmen battered their heads against Czech border guards for two days before finding a leak. In some places dollar bills magically softened the hearts of the guards.

The fearless press corps at first assembled in Vienna, fighting out how to get to Czechoslovakia. It was a discouraging situation and every evening many returned to the bar with the old Congolese saying "Pas moyen, Chef."

Eventually, however, everybody made it and the whole crew numbering around 200 men found itself in Prague, spreading the same rumors, bribing the same telex operators and courting the same young ladies (Western currencies only). Several fistfights broke out in the tense press corps.

At one stage, the US Embassy telex was knocked out by a fire and the Alcron Hotel telex broke down. These were dramatic moments, made even more dramatic by the arrival of two Japanese correspondents. Neither of them spoke any known language, but they both sent thousands of words over the rickety telex at the Jalta Hotel.

Punched their Own

Newsmen punched their own copy. There was lack of perforators. Staffers

of two distinguished American publications hoarded perforators in their rooms, swearing that they never even heard of the existence of such a machine.

Wire service men stumbled over one another. Some would not talk to their fellow employees, often filing the same stories and writing interpretives predicting conflicting events. The head office pleaded with one wire service to "please coordinate your efforts."

One wire service correspondent is still looking for his night lead which an enterprising "TUZEX" girl put into her purse.

The distinguished British weekly, *The Observer*, sent its art critic, Stewart Penrose, to cover the story because he was in the vicinity. Like Boot in Evelyn Waugh's "Scoop," Penrose did magnificently. Hence the mention of his name in this publication.

All major American news media were represented. I hate to list the brave men who covered the Prague story, for fear of missing someone. One American fashion publication was double-staffed and both were filing daily.

Considering the fact that Czech miniskirts are generally imported from the West, that Soviet uniforms were old-fashioned, of poor quality and stained beyond recognition, it would seem like a waste of manpower for a solid capitalist enterprise.

BOOK ANECDOTES TO BE PUBLISHED

Anecdotes drawn from the OPC's forthcoming book, *Heroes For Our Time*, will be appearing in *This Week* magazine. The book will be published in October.



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World-Wide Ticker

NEWMAN NAMED TO FILL ZORTHIAN POST

By DICK ROSENBAUM

SAIGON — George S. Newman, presently the deputy chief of the US Mission in South Korea, has been named the new US Mission spokesman in Saigon.

Newman, at 48, replaces Barry Zorthian, who departed Saigon in July. Newman will take over his new duties also as special assistant for press affairs to Amb. Ellsworth Bunker this month.

The position carries with it the personal rank of minister-counsellor. The departure of Barry Zorthian left a gap in the Mission press relations. American Embassy officials have let it be known that they were aware of the gap and the appointment of Newman is designed to fill it.

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HITS PRAGUE RECALL (From page 1)

ized" and did not represent the views of the Prague government or of CTK. (See panel story page 1).

Spoke For Himself

In its protest, OPC stressed that Kral had made it publicly clear he was speaking for himself and not for his agency or the government, also that Prague's ukase "violated the basic right of the free press to free speech."

Noting that the Czechoslovak government on Sept. 10 had proclaimed a guarantee of individual rights and the freedom of Czechoslovak intellectuals to maintain contact with the outside world, OPC called upon the Premier "to demonstrate your assurance of intellectual freedom by reversing the order to remove Dr. Kral."

The Czechoslovak reporter had previously tangled with his home office on July 19 when he posed some provocative questions to UN Secretary-General U Thant at a regular UN news briefing. Although he received no reply from U Thant, Kral's questions were hit by CTK which termed them "regrettable . . . and not in the interests of Czechoslovak foreign policy."

Kral had queried U Thant as to whether Czechoslovakia's liberalizing moves at that time were not in the spirit of the main goals of the UN Charter; whether "present activity by some neighbors of Czechoslovakia" did not violate UN resolutions on non-intervention by member nations in the domestic affairs of other countries.

Rejects Return Home

Kral was leaving the United States with his wife and son for a vacation in

his homeland on the evening of Aug. 20, and was enroute by car to Kennedy airport when he heard of the Soviet invasion. He promptly turned back.

Colleagues recalled that, prior to the current Soviet move, Kral had written a by-lined article in the liberal Prague publication, *Literarni Listy*, since banned, in which he charged Czech diplomats under the earlier Novotny government of spying for the Soviets.

TEXT (From page 1)

The action taken against him violates the basic right of the free press to free speech. It is particularly outrageous in the light of your government's pronouncement Sept. 10 guaranteeing individual rights in Czechoslovakia and the freedom of Czechoslovak intellectuals to maintain contact with the outside world. We therefore urgently request you to demonstrate your assurances of intellectual freedom by reversing the order to remove Dr. Kral, whom we esteem as a most eminent colleague."

Hal Lehrman, President
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PEOPLE & PLACES

By BETTY ETTER

ON THE GO: Writing from Lima, **Clayton Willis**, of The NY Amsterdam News, reports that the "Peruvian press coverage of the Chicago convention was grim." . . . After a summer on Lake George, **Geraldine Fitch** has left for her home in California. On Sept. 26 she and her husband George (author of "My Eighty Years in China") will fly to Taiwan and Korea. . . . **Jerry M. Landay**, chief foreign correspondent of Group W's foreign news service in London, back in the US for a two-month assignment covering the Presidential campaign. He will return to his overseas post after election day . . . Returning from covering the conventions for World Union Press, **Elsa W. Gilbert** reports that in Miami Beach she ran into **Hazel Currie** of the Miami Beach Reporter, who said the best thing she ever did was to join the OPC Blue Cross. On leaving St. Francis Hospital after a prolonged stay there recently, all she had to pay was her phone bill!

CHECKING IN: **Howard Rausch** from Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union . . . **David J. Roads** from Hong Kong. . . **Robert Trumbull** from Japan before moving to Australia.

NEW POSTS: **Joseph A. McGowan**, whose last assignment was chief of bureau at New Delhi, named AP's chief of bureau in Lima, Peru . . . **Jack M. Fleischer**, public affairs adviser for the State Department's bureau of economic affairs for the last five years, has retired from the Foreign Service and joined the information

division of the UN's Food & Agricultural Organization in Rome . . . Upon medical retirement from the US Information Agency, after having served in Cambodia, South Viet Nam, Bolivia and Mexico, **Irving Kalin** is embarking on a PhD. in Inter-American Affairs at the U. of Miami . . . Lt. Col. **Victor de Guinzbourg** named adviser on political affairs to the Holy See Mission to the UN.

ARTICLES: NY Times Magazine for Sept. 8 carried "The 'Point of No Return' for the Biafrans" by **Lloyd Garrison** and "The Short, Happy Life of Prague's Free Press" by **Alan Levy**. **Arky Gonzalez** reports a piece on the round-Manhattan-Island guideboat spielers in September Venture and a report on over-crowding in the nation's airports in August Data. He and his wife Gloria now on an editorial swing through the U.K., Europe, Russia and India on magazine assignments.

BOOKS: **Elaine Shepard** back from Washington, D.C., with a completed screenplay from her book, "The Doom Pussy," and two new novels ready for publication, "The Little Red Chair" and "Hait Honey." . . . Plugging her new book, "Dear Candidate," published by **Hy Steirman**, **Juliet Lowell** is appearing on radio and TV and speaking to assorted groups, including the Greenwich, Conn., Woman's Club and the

JACK CHERWIN DIES: NY TIMES COPY ED

New York Times copy editor **Jack B. Cherwin**, 51, died of a heart attack at his home in Massapequa Park, N.Y. Sept. 7.

Cherwin, who worked in the paper's resorts and travel department, came to *The Times* in 1954 from *The Newark Star-Ledger* as copy editor in sports. He later served as assistant head of the sports desk, then with the national news desk, and finally with the travel section of the Sunday department.

Cherwin also had been a correspondence school instructor for the Newspaper Institute of America. He was chief copy editor there.

Surviving are his wife Ethel, a daughter, Mrs. Lynn Tarlow; three sons, Thomas, Barry and Richard; two sisters, Mrs. Helen Finkelstein and Mrs. Anne Cohen, and two granddaughters.

New Members (From page 2)

also join if clearly told by OPCers on the scene why they should become members."

Summing up, Lehrman said local OPC committees would draft and complete lists of eligible non-members overseas. These, in turn, will go to a co-chairman of the Overseas Recruitment Drive (**Seymour Freidin**, **Hugh Mulligan**) and/or the President, who will follow up.

In conclusion, Lehrman said OPCers abroad know they belong to a unique organization, the ONLY global professional society dedicated to enhancing the status of foreign correspondents and the quality of foreign correspondence. "It is this renewed emphasis on the foreign correspondent and on world affairs which gives OPC its unique quality — and its best guarantee both of survival and of continued growth," he said.

Lehrman also discussed the general European political scene, with special reference to Soviet propaganda and developments in Czechoslovakia. His talk was followed by a spirited question period.

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RADIO & TV: Guests on NBC's Today TVer last week included **William F. Buckley, Jr.**, and **Algernon D. Black**. . . . **Dick Callahan**, editor in chief of 33 Magazine and the Conservative candidate for the 17th AD Party's candidate for Congress from the 17th C.D., appearing on WABC-TV Oct. 20, along with his Republican and Democratic opponents, for a half-hour question and answer session with network's newsmen doing the questioning.

HONORS: **Charles Gillett**, executive vice president of the NY Convention and Visitors Bureau, Elected a director of the International Association of Convention Bureaus . . . **Jack Harrison Pollack's** Parade article, "We Must Stop the Sale of Switchblade Knives," commended in the Congressional Record by NY Congressman **Lester Wolff** as "revelations in the highest tradition of constructive journalism." Congressman Wolff plans Washington hearings next month based on Pollack's findings.

LINE OF DUTY: **Marty Gershen**, NY bureau chief of the Newark Star-Ledger, was one of the judges of the Miss Byline Ball beauty contest sponsored by the NY Newspaper Reporters Assn. at Palisades Park.

SHUTTER-BUG: **Gene Donner** writes from Kabul, Afghanistan, where he's connected with the American Embassy, that he's been busy during the last few weeks taking pictures of all the exhibits and festivities connected with the 50th anniversary of that country's independence. He's been supplying local papers, plus the weekly Afghan Life magazine with pix, hopefully including one of His Majesty on the cover.

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with the formal title of Minister-Counselor for Information — Zorthian was the man to whom every correspondent (nearly 4,000 of them during his tenure in Saigon) turned for briefings and official information about the war effort.

Mrs. Zorthian, also known to many OPCers and press corps members, will be an additional guest.

Immediate reservations are urged.